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A New Era for Iraq

Leaders set aside differences to sign interim constitution

BAGHDAD | For an hour anyway, Iraqi leaders put aside their disagreements during the signing of a landmark interim constitution Monday, heaping praise on the U.S.-backed document amid patriotic songs and Quranic verses urging unity.

Monday's ceremony, held in the marble-and-glass Convention Center, a huge building inside the complex housing the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition, kicked off with a recital of carefully chosen Quranic verses that urged Muslims to set aside their differences.

Of the council's 25 members, 21 were present. Led by current council president Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum, members were called forward one at a time to sign the document, which sat on an antique wooden desk used by Iraq's first monarch, King Faisal I.

Bahr al-Ulloum, his voice choking with emotion, described the signing as a "historic moment, decisive in the history of Iraq."

His fellow Shiites on the U.S.-appointed council said that, for the sake of national unity and to keep the process moving forward, they would sign the document despite their reservations.

HAMZA HENDAWI (AP) • **Brief reprieve:** Divisions resurface after signing ceremony | Page 5

Cherry Blossoms Set To Bloom on Schedule

WASHINGTON | A mild winter on the heels of the wettest year in recent memory could make this a great season for the pink and white cherry blossoms that draw hundreds of thousands to the District each spring.

A National Park Service spokesman said Monday the blooms will peak from March 24 to April 2, indicating there should be plenty of blossoms to see during the National Cherry Blossom Festival, from March 27 through April 11. (AP)



WHO KNEW? There are 3,700 cherry blossom trees along the Tidal Basin, most of which are descendants of those presented to the U.S. by Japan in 1912 to mark 60 years of friendly relations. (AP)

FOOD | **Sweet Smell of Spam** A new restaurant in the Philippines specializes in food straight from a can — and it's taking Manila by storm. Called Spamjam, the eatery offers heaping portions of all things Spam, including Spam spaghetti, Spam Caesar salad and



Spam potato chowder, Agence France-Presse reports. Managing Director Philip Abadilla says the restaurant is selling the pressed meat like gangbusters, and says Spam-maker Hormel Foods might turn it into a franchise. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

FESTIVALS

Spring Painting

What better way to celebrate spring, the season in which nature blooms in all its vibrant hues, than to kick the color up a notch? That's what people throughout the Caribbean nation of Trinidad did on Sunday to mark phagwa, the country-wide festival that celebrates the beginning of spring on the Hindu calendar. The primary school students pictured here are participating in a time-honored phagwa tradition—covering each other in multicolored liquid. (EXPRESS)



SHIRLEY BAHADUR/AP

SUBURBAN SPRAWL Homestead Hold-Out

Leonard Smith could find himself with plenty of places to park—with his home in the middle of a parking lot. Smith is

refusing to sell his modest cape-style house to a developer who plans to build a shopping center in Augusta, Maine. Smith is the lone hold-out. His neighbors have already sold their property to

the Packard Development Corp. Plans call for a parking lot in the area where the house sits. The shopping center would be home to a new Lowe's store and Target and would open in 2006. (AP)

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IRONY

Fire in the Firehouse

Firefighters in Melbourne, Fla., were in such a rush that they forgot to turn off a fryer in their kitchen. So the next emergency call involved a fire that started at their own station. No one was injured in the blaze Thursday because all four firefighters working at the time were out responding to calls. The building suffered a combination of smoke and fire damage. Battalion Chief Robert Apel said the fire was accidental and no one would be reprimanded. (AP)

WAR ON DRUGS

Pot in Every Chicken

Frozen chickens and marijuana—a combination that landed the driver of a tractor-trailer rig in jail. The man, whose name has not been released, was arrested near Raton, N.M., on Saturday after an officer from the state's Motor Transportation Division found 1,240 pounds of marijuana hidden in a load of frozen chickens. The truck was headed for the Midwest when it was pulled over on Interstate 25 as part of a routine traffic stop. (AP)

LAW

Protest Goes Bust

Last week, Elizabeth Book called for a cadre of 1,000 bare-breasted biker babes to parade through Daytona Beach, Fla., to promote the virtues of toplessness. But only about 20 people showed up Sunday, and Book was the only woman to strip off her shirt. The protest was timed to coincide with the end of Bike Week. Book says it's appalling that the law treats women's breasts as sexual organs. She was



cited for violating the local public nudity ordinance, which carries a fine of about \$250. (AP)



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In Brief

PHILADELPHIA

Brothers in Mass Killing Sentenced to Life in Prison

Two brothers convicted in one of the city's worst mass killings avoided the death penalty by admitting their guilt Monday and giving up the right to appeal last week's convictions. They were sentenced to seven consecutive life terms. Dawud, 29, and Khalid Faruqi, 28, were convicted Friday of participating in the bloody massacre of seven people inside a West Philadelphia drug den on Dec. 28, 2000. Prosecutors said the brothers were among four masked men who burst into the home, ordered its 10 occupants to lie on the floor, then strafed their bodies with bullets. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Kucinich Takes Time Off Due to Intestinal Illness

Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, suffering from an intestinal ailment, took a few days off from his campaign to undergo tests at an Ohio hospital, spokesman Doug Gordon said Monday. The illness was "not serious," Gordon said. (AP)



Kucinich

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C.

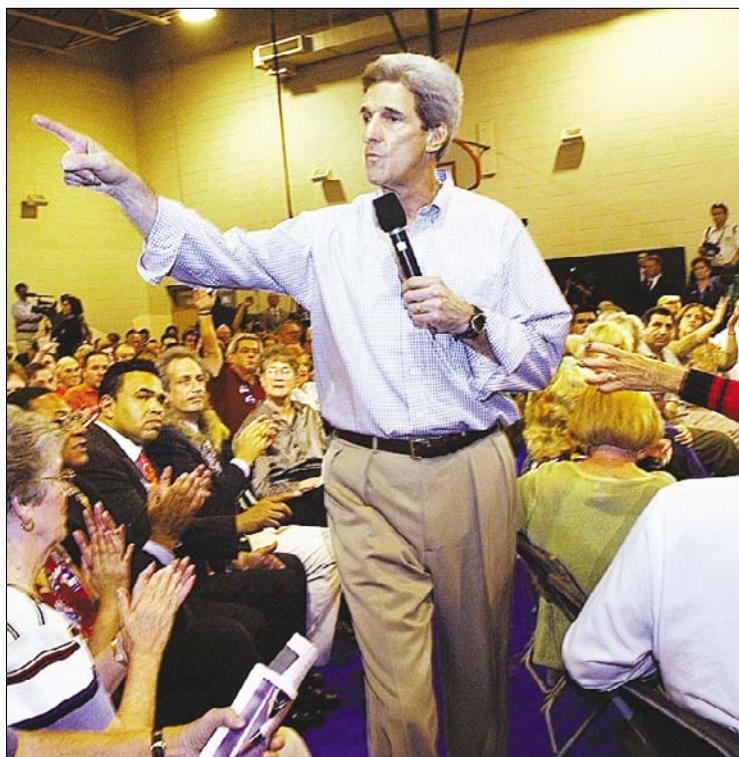
Storms, Flooding Kill 6 In N.C., Ky., Cause Outages

Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity Monday in the Carolinas following a storm with wind gusts up to 70 mph that was blamed for three deaths. The storm that struck on Sunday followed a rainstorm earlier in the weekend in Kentucky that caused flooding in which three people died. (AP)

MIAMI

Fla. Suspends 14 Over Teen's Death at Juvenile Prison

The state Department of Juvenile Justice suspended 14 employees Monday at a juvenile prison where a 17-year-old died of a burst appendix after being left untreated for three days. A department report said several Miami-Dade Regional Detention Center officers failed to provide emergency care to Omar Paisley in June after he was found balled up in his cell vomiting and suffering from diarrhea. (AP)



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said during a town hall meeting in Hollywood, Fla., on Monday that he won't allow a repeat of 2000's election recount.

Kerry Vows Close Watch Over Voting in Florida

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. | John Kerry is determined not to lose Florida's 27 electoral votes in a swamp of recounts and recriminations this fall, vowing to mount an early legal challenge in any district that might repeat the problems that bedeviled Democratic supporters in 2000.

"Not only do we want a record level of turnout to vote, we want to guarantee that every vote is counted," the presumptive Democratic nominee told about 500 people at a town hall meeting Monday.

Kerry rarely mentions the legal battle over the 2000 election while

campaigning, but he did so repeatedly in the state that was the epicenter four years ago. Responding to a voter who asked, "What can you do to prevent them from stealing the election again?", Kerry said his campaign was assembling a legal team to examine districts which had problems.

The 2000 recount looms large in nearly any political discourse in Florida. George W. Bush won the presidency by five electoral votes when a 5-4 decision by the Supreme Court ended a recount in the state.

MIKE GLOVER (AP)

Politics and the president: Full results of a Washington Post-ABC News poll on the president's performance on the job | Today's Washington Post, A Section.

Ohio Nuclear Plant Allowed to Reopen

WASHINGTON | An Ohio nuclear plant is being allowed to reopen after a two-year shutdown over safety issues stemming from an acid leak that ate through a protective steel reactor cap, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced Monday.

Corrosion on the reactor vessel at the Davis-Besse plant along Lake Erie east of Toledo, Ohio, was the

most extensive ever found at a U.S. nuclear reactor and led to a review of 68 similar plants nationwide.

The plant is owned by FirstEnergy Corp., in Akron, Ohio, the same company that a U.S.-Canadian government task force said shares much of the blame for the Northeast blackout last August. (AP)

Bush Blasts Kerry Role in Intel Cuts

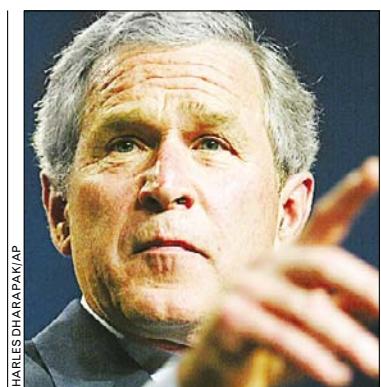
Proposal from 1995 would have trimmed spending by \$1.5 billion

DALLAS | President Bush on Monday accused John Kerry of having proposed "deeply irresponsible" cuts in intelligence spending just two years after the first attack on the World Trade Center, part of a re-election effort to depict his Democratic rival as weak on national security and the war against terrorism.

Bush, during a fund-raiser in Dallas, called attention to a 1995 bill that Kerry sponsored to trim intelligence spending by \$1.5 billion over five years. The cut was part of what Kerry called a "budget-buster bill" to strip \$90 billion from the budget and end 40 programs that he said were "pointless, wasteful, antiquated or just plain silly."

The proposal never came up for a vote.

"This bill was so deeply irre-



President Bush speaks during a GOP fundraiser in Houston on Monday.

sponsible that it didn't have a single co-sponsor in the United States Senate," Bush said.

Kerry spokesman Chad Clanton said the senator's bill was about opposing "business as usual in our intelligence community" and that he has supported \$200 billion in intelligence funding over the past seven years — a 50 percent increase since 1996. SCOTT LINDLAW (AP)

POLL POSITION

A new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows President Bush's approval rating has remained steady, but Americans disapprove of his record on the economy. Among the results:

- The president's overall support stands at 50%, unchanged from February and equal to the lowest of his presidency.
- Bush hit a new low in response to his handling of the economy, scoring only 39% approval.
- The president narrowly trails

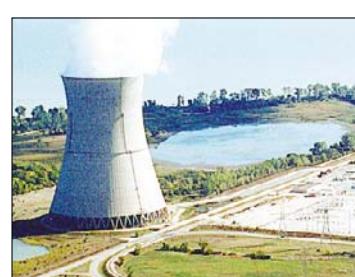
Democrat John Kerry in a hypothetical election, with Kerry edging out a 48% to 44% win.

Kennedy: Judge's Appointment May Not Be Legal

WASHINGTON | President Bush's appointment of former Alabama Attorney General William Pryor to the U.S. Appeals Court during a congressional recess may be unconstitutional, contends Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Bush on Feb. 20 gave Pryor an almost two-year stint on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, calling him a "leading American lawyer" and saying Democrats had used "unprecedented obstructionist tactics" last year to stop his confirmation by the Senate.

The appointment came on the last day of Congress's weeklong President's Day holiday break. The Constitution gives the president authority to install nominees in office when Congress is not in session. (AP)



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The Davis-Besse nuclear plant, pictured here before its shutdown, will be able to reopen, officials said Monday.



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Nation**Actor Gray's Body Found**

Award-winner had history of depression, went missing Jan. 10

NEW YORK | Actor-writer Spalding Gray, who laid bare his life and mingled performance art with comedy in acclaimed monologues like "Swimming to Cambodia," was found dead over the weekend, two months after he walked out of his Manhattan apartment and disappeared. He was 62.

Gray's body was pulled from the East River and was identified

Monday through dental records and X-rays. The cause of his death was still under investigation, according to a spokeswoman for the medical examiner. But Gray had a history of depression and attempted suicide in 2002.

Gray's family told police he was last seen Jan. 10. Throughout his disappearance, his wife, Kathleen Russo, had held out scant hope he might still be alive. Gray's riveting live performances



generally featured only a desk and a glass of water as props. Usually wearing his trademark plaid flannel shirt, the performer would never move from the desk as he read in a soft, New England-flecked accent.

Gray's greatest success was his Obie-winning monologue "Swimming to Cambodia," which recounted in part his movie role opposite Sam Waterston in "The Killing Fields." The monologue, developed over two years of performance, became a film directed by Jonathan Demme.

LARRY MCSHANE (AP)

Detainees' Families Protest Jailings

WASHINGTON | Relatives of three terrorism suspects held at the Navy base in Cuba on Monday urged President Bush to release the prisoners for trial in their home countries, saying the indefinite detainment is taking a toll on the prisoners' mental health.

The family members, who journeyed to the capital from England, France and Germany, said each of the detainees is being "kept like an animal in a cell" with little sleep and no information about why they are being held.

"In one letter he wrote, 'I do not know what crime I am supposed to have committed. ... As a result I am in a state of desperation and beginning to lose the fight against depression and hopelessness,'" said Azmat Begg, who is the father of Moazzam Begg, one of the estimated 640 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

The event, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, Amnesty International and the American Civil Liberties Union, was organized to raise awareness of the detainees' plight.

The relatives also wrote letters



Aymen Sassi of France, center, whose brother is being held at Guantanamo Bay, joined a protest in Washington Monday calling for greater rights for U.S. detainees.

to Bush seeking greater legal access for the prisoners.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments next month from lawyers representing foreign "enemy com-

batants" who are being held incommunicado at the military prison. At issue is whether the prisoners may challenge their detention in U.S. courts. HOPE YEN (AP)

Seattle to Recognize Some Gay Unions

SEATTLE | Six same-sex couples filed a lawsuit Monday seeking the right to get married after they were refused marriage licenses by a sympathetic public official, as the mayor ordered the city to recognize the marriages of gay city employees who tie the knot elsewhere.

The six couples applied for marriage licenses at the King County Administration Building but were rejected because of a state law that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

County Administrator Ron Sims said he supported the cou-

ples' efforts, but had no choice but to uphold the law.

Mayor Greg Nickels issued an executive order Monday requiring the city to recognize same-sex marriages by municipal employees.

He also proposed an ordinance to extend protections for gay married couples throughout the city.

ELIZABETH M. GILLESPIE (AP)

In Brief

JAPAN

Farmer, Wife Found Hanged Amid Charges Over Bird Flu

A Japanese husband and wife apparently hanged themselves Monday after he was accused of covering up a bird flu outbreak in his family's poultry business, police said. Hajimu Asada, 67, came under fire for not telling authorities that chickens on his farm were dying in large numbers, preventing officials from containing the disease earlier. The government was considering criminal charges against him. (AP)

WASHINGTON

U.S. Complains to European Allies Over Stance on Iran

A top U.S. official complained in a letter to France, Germany and Britain that their softer stance was hurting common efforts to get Tehran to honor promises for full nuclear disclosure, diplomats told the AP on Monday. News of the letter by Undersecretary of State John Bolton came amid tensions at a key board meeting of the U.N. atomic agency over whether Iran has done enough to banish suspicions it had a nuclear weapons program. (AP)

COLOMBIA

Top Rebel Commander Enters Pleas as Trial Begins

The most senior Colombian rebel ever captured pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of rebellion but declared himself innocent of murder and kidnapping as his trial began. Ricardo Palmera is a top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The FARC and a smaller rebel group have been battling to topple the Colombian government and establish a Marxist state. (AP)

NORTH KOREA

N. Korea Says It May Insist U.S. Troops Be Removed

North Korea said Monday that it may insist on the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea as part of a nuclear disarmament deal. In a dispatch carried Monday by the country's official KCNA news agency, North Korea said it would push the new demands if the United States failed to drop its own insistence that Pyongyang "completely, verifiably and irreversibly" dismantle its nuclear weapons programs. (AP)



Delegates chat in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing during a plenary session of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, on Monday.

In China, Great Strides For Entrepreneurial Class

Constitution to grant protections to private property, capitalists

BEIJING | Lawmakers began considering amendments Monday to bring China's constitution up to date with its increasingly capitalist reality by granting the first protection for private property since the 1949 communist revolution.

The changes, already endorsed by the Communist Party as a key element of future prosperity, also would declare support for entrepreneurs who are creating millions of jobs and driving the country's economic boom. A vote is due Sunday,

and the largely ceremonial National People's Congress appears sure to pass them.

The new amendment, one of 10 submitted to lawmakers, says "private property obtained legally shall not be violated." Another would publicly ally the government with capitalists who once were considered the enemy, saying it "encourages, supports and guides the development" of private business.

Despite their reliance on entrepreneurs to raise living standards and create millions of jobs for people thrown out of work as state industry withers, communist leaders have been slow to grant them official sanction. JOE MCDONALD (AP)

ITALY | HALFWAY MARK



COSMETICS: A restorer works on Michelangelo's marble statue of David in Florence on Monday. After months of dabbing away at decades of dust and grime, the statue is more than halfway finished, experts said.

Ink Not Yet Dry, A Cleric Protests

Shiite issues religious edict on Iraq's new interim constitution

BAGHDAD | Soon after Iraqi leaders put aside their differences to sign the country's landmark interim constitution Monday, sectarian differences resurfaced.

The Shiites' most influential cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, issued a religious edict saying he had reservations about the interim constitution and that it will gain legitimacy only when adopted by an elected assembly.

His supporters on Iraq's Governing Council pledged to try to amend parts of the charter, saying they effectively give minority Kurds and Sunni Muslims a veto over a permanent constitution due to be drafted and put to a referendum next year.

Al-Sistani's edict and the Shiite Muslim council members' comments somewhat devalued the historic significance of the signing of a charter that promises to compensate Iraqis for years of oppression under Saddam Hussein, safeguard the freedoms and human rights of their ethnic and religious groups and lay down the foundations for



A member of the Iraqi Governing Council signs the interim constitution.

a genuine democracy.

Senior Shiite clerics like al-Sistani are exploiting the void left by Saddam's departure to exercise enormous influence on the U.S.-backed political process in a political arena once dominated by Sunnis but now controlled by a Shiite majority and a large Kurdish community. HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

Historic documents: Text of the constitution, with executive summary | washingtonpost.com/world

Protesters in Syria Swept Up, Along With U.S. Diplomat

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | In a capital awash with Syrian flags, posters supporting President Bashar Assad and pamphlets declaring his party's achievements on its 41st anniversary, a paper banner raised Monday urging freedom for political prisoners did not fit in.

Syrian authorities quickly tore it up, broke up the rare demonstration and arrested the small group of activists. A U.S. diplomat observing the demonstration was also briefly

detained, prompting a protest from the U.S. government and an apology from the Syrians, according to State Department spokesman Richard Boucher.

The activists were released after a few hours of interrogation, but their detentions highlighted tensions between the Syrian government and pro-democracy reformists.

Had it been allowed to continue, the protest outside Parliament — organized by the Committees for the Defense of Democratic Liberties and Human Rights in Syria — would have been the first of its kind in a country where political activity is tightly controlled. (AP)



WHO KNEW? More than two months after President Bush signed a bill permitting sanctions against Syria for its alleged support of terrorist organizations, the administration is still debating what penalties, if any, to apply. (AP)

World

New Leader Picked in Haiti

Interim head of state installed as Aristide asserts he is president

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | Haiti's interim president took the reins of his country's shattered government Monday, as ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide restated his claim to be Haiti's true leader from his faraway African asylum.

"Aristide or death!" Aristide followers yelled from the gates of the National Palace, their voices carrying into the room where President Boniface Alexandre was being installed. Military helicopters circled overhead and U.S. Marines in armored cars patrolled the streets outside the palace.

Alexandre did not address Aristide's claim that he still is president, made at his first appearance since he arrived March 1 in Central African Republic, aboard a plane chartered by the U.S. government.

"I am the democratically elected president and I remain so. I plead for the restoration of democracy," Aristide said from Bangui, the cap-

ital of another impoverished and coup-ridden state. He also repeated his claim that his Feb. 29 departure was a "political kidnapping [that] unfortunately opened the road to an occupation."

The United States denies Aristide's charge that Washington forced him to step down.

Monday's pro-Aristide protest was mostly peaceful, a sharp contrast to the massive anti-Aristide protest Sunday on which gunmen opened fire, killing at least five people, including a foreign journalist. A sixth victim died of wounds overnight, doctors said.

U.S. Marines said they shot one gunman at Sunday's demonstration, raising the toll to seven. The violence was the worst bloodshed since Aristide fled. PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

SEARCHING FOR A NO. 2
A seven-member "Council of Sages" interviewed three candidates for prime minister Monday:

→ **Smarck Michel**, Aristide's prime minister in 1994-1995 who left over differences in fiscal policy.



Aristide, watched by his wife Mildred, tells reporters he is still Haiti's president during a press conference in Bangui, Central African Republic, on Monday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/AP

- **Retired Lt. Gen. Herard Abrahams**, who resigned in 1990 so the first free elections could be held.
- **Gerard Latortue**, foreign minister in 1988 to ousted former President Leslie Manigat.

'Dead' Venezuelan On Recall Petition Says, 'I'm Alive'

CARACAS, VENEZUELA | A man President Hugo Chavez claimed was dead begs to differ with the Venezuelan leader.

"I'm alive and kicking," 61-year-old Emiliano Chavez Rosales told El Universal newspaper. He also said he signed a petition for a vote to recall the president, who alleged the signature was bogus.

"I'm sure Emiliano Chavez

doesn't exist," the president said during a speech on Friday, holding up a copy of the petition form. He pointed to an identification number accompanying the signature — No. 2,550,083 — saying it belonged to a dead woman.

A search of the country's voter database turned up Chavez Rosales's name and the same number.

The opposition turned in more than 3 million signatures Dec. 19, well above the 2.4 million needed for a recall referendum. The National Elections Council ruled last week that only 1.8 million were valid, setting off violent protests. (AP)

Pakistan Denies News of Key Capture

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan on Monday denied it had captured a son of al Qaeda No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri during a raid in the border region near Afghanistan.

A series of media reports since the Feb. 24 raid — some citing unnamed Pakistani intelligence officials — have said that Khalid

al-Zawahri was captured. But army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan said the information was bogus.

The government has not said who was captured during the raid in Wana, in South Waziristan. The fiercely autonomous region is believed to be a hiding place for Osama bin Laden. (AP)

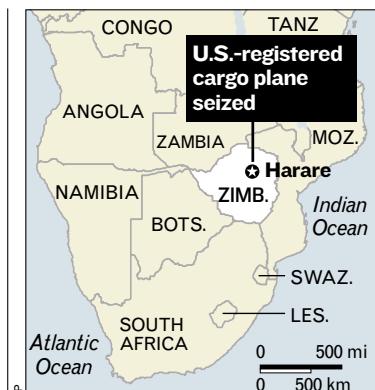
U.S. Plane Detained by Authorities in Zimbabwe

Officials allege aircraft carried 'mercenaries,' military equipment

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | Zimbabwean authorities have seized a U.S.-registered cargo plane carrying 64 "suspected mercenaries" and military equipment, the Home Affairs minister said Monday.

The Boeing 727-100 was detained at Harare's main airport late Sunday after its owners allegedly made "a false declaration of its cargo and crew," Home Affairs Minister Kembo Mohadi said, adding that "military material" was found on board. Journalists were not shown the plane and the government's claims could not be independently verified.

President Robert Mugabe repeatedly has accused the United States



and Britain of plotting to overthrow him. In 1999, three U.S. missionaries were arrested at Harare's airport trying to board a flight with more than 20 guns in their baggage. Accused of plotting to assassinate Mugabe, they were jailed for eight months. They said the arms were for self-defense during three years of work in war-torn Congo. (AP)

HEARSAY | DRESS FOR SUCCESS



"To protest the unequal situation of women in Iran, I've dressed in black. I'm in mourning for women's rights."

—IRANIAN LAWYER AND NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER SHIRIN EBADI
COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT THE U.N. IN GENEVA. EBADI SAYS POLITICAL CHANGE IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY A FAILURE TO RESPECT WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

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DIVERSIONARY TACTICS: Paris metro riders walk past billboards, one of which reads "freed space," on Monday. Paris's public transport operator freed up 47 billboards in 24 stations for people to write what they like for the next 10 days, a small victory for a group virulently opposed to advertising that recently has destroyed hundreds of billboards. JACQUES BRINON/AP

Local

BOAT ACCIDENT | STILL MISSING



LONG WAIT: Friends of two missing victims from the water taxi that capsized March 6 in Baltimore's Inner Harbor console one another Monday, as the search continues for three people still missing. (AP)

Ex-Police Official Guilty in Conspiracy

BALTIMORE | Former Maryland Police Superintendent Edward Norris on Monday pleaded guilty to spending thousands of dollars from a Baltimore police department account on liquor, lavish meals and extramarital affairs while he was the city's police commissioner.

Norris, 43, pleaded guilty to federal counts of conspiracy and filing a false tax return. Federal prosecutors said he is expected to get six to 12

months at sentencing June 21.

Norris left the city post in 2002 to become head of the state police. He resigned from that job after he was indicted in December.

Norris and his former chief of staff, John Stendrini, were accused of misusing more than \$20,000 from 2000 to 2002. Stendrini, 60, pleaded innocent and his trial is set for June.

The account stemmed from three charitable funds that were set up during the Depression to benefit officers.

Norris had no comment. (AP)

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WASA to Retest Schools

Two families file class action suit against WASA and the District

WASHINGTON | The D.C. Water and Sewer Authority said Monday it plans to retest all city elementary schools for lead and would retest secondary schools that have already turned up high levels.

Out of the 700 samples taken at D.C. schools, eight exceeded the 15 parts per billion level considered safe under federal standards. The city also is planning to test libraries, recreation centers and city charter schools, WASA said.

Also Monday, two Capitol Hill families filed a class-action lawsuit claiming WASA knew since 2001 about lead levels exceeding the safe limit in thousands of District homes served by lead service lines. The suit said WASA sought to conceal the findings from the public and took inadequate steps to protect residents. It also claims the city is responsible because it installs and maintains the lines.

"We didn't start this fire — we're the ones responding to the situation the best way we can," said Tony Bullock, a spokesman for D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams. The city said it found out about the troubles with lead when the public did. WASA had no comment on the pending lawsuit.

CARRIE SCHUMAKER (AP)



WHO KNEW? The District government is continuing to offer free blood tests and water filters to those who may be affected. Residents can call the water lead line at 202-787-2732.

Judge to Sentence Convicted Sniper

MANASSAS, VA. | A judge on Tuesday will decide whether convicted sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad should die for his role in the October 2002 killing spree that left 10 people dead in the Washington, D.C., area.

A jury recommended in

November that Muhammad be sentenced to death for the murder of Dean Harold Meyers at a Virginia gas station. The judge has the option of reducing that sentence to life in prison without parole. Muhammad's partner, Lee Boyd Malvo, is to be sentenced Wednesday. (AP)

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Money

Stewart Meets Probation Officer

Omnimedia stock tumbles as board discusses her future

NEW YORK | Home decorating magnate Martha Stewart met with a probation officer and thanked viewers and readers for their support on Monday as the board of her namesake empire met to discuss her fate following her conviction for lying about a stock sale.

Stewart briefly addressed a horde of camera crews outside a Manhattan courthouse where she

spent about an hour with probation officials who will make a sentencing recommendation.

"I want to thank my readers, my viewers and the Internet users," Stewart said. "I just want to thank everyone for their support."

Stock in Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia continued to slide and the board was gathering to discuss her future, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity. Her syndicated television show, "Martha Stewart Living," was taken off the air Monday on CBS and UPN stations. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

Stern's Advertisers Hold Fast, for Now

RADIO | Howard Stern is in hot water again, but the shock jock's advertisers are standing by their man.

Purveyors of everything from diet pills to tax advice say they will continue to buy air time on Mr. Stern's show, despite the Federal Communications Commission's crackdown on indecency and a decision by the nation's largest

radio broadcaster, Clear Channel Communications Inc., to suspend the show from six of its stations.

Advertisers say they are sticking with Stern because his show attracts an important audience: young men. In New York City, the show's hometown, it is among the top-ranked morning radio programs, as it is in most markets. SARAH MCBRIDE (WSJ)



BY THE NUMBERS: Excluding labor and shipping, and leaving out the costs of a monitor, keyboard or mouse, the typical desktop PC these days costs the Dells and Hewlett-Packards of the world roughly \$437. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IntMult	24.70	+5.07	+25.8
ExtStayA	19.24	+3.43	+21.7
TitanMII	94.75	+9.39	+11.0
ComfrtS	7.35	+.68	+10.2
Compx	11.43	+.95	+9.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ChileTel	13.56	-2.43	-15.2
TerraNitro	12.21	-1.24	-9.2
MStewrt	9.90	-.96	-8.8
TitanCp	19.11	-1.82	-8.7
TwrAuto	5.51	-.50	-8.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00	.5417	.5412	.6244
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.0625	1.3207	1.3215	1.4655
3-month	0.93	0.94	.8072	.8079	.9083
2-year	1.51	1.65	111.26	112.02	116.99
10-year	3.77	3.98	10.9670	10.9250	11.0900
30-year	4.71	4.84	33.40	33.40	34.64

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5417	.5412	.6244		
Canadian Dollar	1.3207	1.3215	1.4655		
European Euro	.8072	.8079	.9083		
Japanese Yen	111.26	112.02	116.99		
Mexican Peso	10.9670	10.9250	11.0900		
Taiwanese Dollar	33.40	33.40	34.64		

In Brief

BANKING

Feds OK Mammoth Merger Of Bank of America, Fleet

Bank of America and FleetBoston won approval from the Federal Reserve on Monday for a merger creating the third-largest U.S. bank, a behemoth holding nearly \$1 trillion in assets and stretching from California to the South and up to New England. The Fed's board voted 6-0 to clear the merger, determining that the deal would not threaten competition. (AP)

ENERGY

Gasoline Prices A Penny Shy Of Record Set in 1990

The average retail price of gasoline climbed 2 cents last week to \$1.74 per gallon, the Energy Department said Monday, about a penny shy of the highest price since the department began collecting data in 1990. Supplies tend to tighten around this time of year as refineries shut down for maintenance before ramping up production for summer. (AP)

FOODS

Smucker Acquires Pillsbury Parent in \$500M Deal

The J.M. Smucker Co. said Monday it is acquiring Minneapolis-based International Multifoods Corp., the maker of Pillsbury, Hungry Jack and other food brands, in a \$500 million cash and stock deal. Combined sales of the two companies are expected to exceed \$2.3 billion annually. (AP)

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BiogenIdec	57.50	-.71	+56.7
Chiron	48.50	-.85	-14.9
Genentech	112.01	-1.26	+19.7
Genzyme	48.40	-1.34	-1.8
GileadSci	55.93	-1.40	-4.0
IMS Hlth	24.29	-.23	-2.3
Invitrogen	72.10	-1.26	+3.1
LabCp	38.36	-.37	+3.8
MedImmune	24.32	-.04	-4.2
MillPhar	18.27	-.74	-2.0
Monsanto	34.48	+.13	+19.8
QstDiag	81.68	-.27	+11.7

Health & Fitness



LIVE ONLINE

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Plate Club

SALLY SQUIRES's column appears Tuesdays in The Washington Post. She chats every Tuesday at 1 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I'm a college student who's also working. I end up eating a few bowls of cereal for dinner. Do you have any tips for quick, inexpensive meals for a single student?

Pasta (whole wheat is a great choice) is a quick meal. You can top with a little cheese and add a salad (buy small bags and wash just what you need then re-seal). Soup and cheese sandwiches are quick. I often buy pizza dough at Vace or Trader Joe's on the weekend. You can divide the dough in two and top with whatever your heart desires. Even peanut butter and jelly is pretty fast and not a bad nutritional bargain.

Spring Sneezing

ALLERGIES | Across the country, the spring allergy season has hit extremely early due to spells of unseasonably warm weather that induced trees such as elm, maple and oak to spew out pollen particles weeks ahead of schedule.

That's making seasonal allergy sufferers miserable, and doctors in most regions are seeing a surge in patients seeking appointments or prescription refills.

"Normally, it wouldn't be until the end of March or the start of April," said Dr. Leonard Bielory, director of the Asthma and Allergy Research Center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

He's also seen a recent increase in patients coming in with asthma flare-ups and problems from mold

SOME TIPS FOR LIMITING SYMPTOMS CAUSED BY POLLEN:

- Close windows at night and car windows while traveling.
- Limit outdoor activity when pollen counts are highest (between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.), and when conditions are humid or windy.
- Shower before you go to sleep so you don't bring pollen into bed. If you have a pet, wipe down its fur when it comes in for the evening.
- Take medications prescribed by your doctor regularly and at the recommended dosage. Doctors say steroid nasal sprays bring the most relief for many people. If symptoms worsen or change, consult your doctor. (AP)



allergies because balmy weather in the Northeast melted snow and ice, freeing mold spores from decaying leaves and twigs.

One of every three or four U.S. residents suffers from allergies, the sixth-leading cause of chronic disease in the country.

In Memphis, tree pollen counts the past few days have been averaging about 300, up to four times the normal level for this time of year and well above the 80-to-100 range that triggers symptoms, said Dr. Phil Lieberman, an allergist at University of Tennessee College of Medicine.

"It's the highest pollen count that I can remember this early in the year," he said.

Dr. Mark Dykewicz, an allergist at St. Louis University School of Medicine, said tree pollen levels began rising about 10 days ago, along with patient calls. He urges people with allergies to get medications immediately, because symptoms can be better controlled the sooner treatment starts.

In Washington, D.C., Dr. Richard A. Nicklas has seen lots of patients with itchy, watery eyes, because pollen can settle in the eyes as well as being inhaled.

"I think what we're seeing is the tip of the iceberg," Nicklas said.

LINDA A. JOHNSON (AP)

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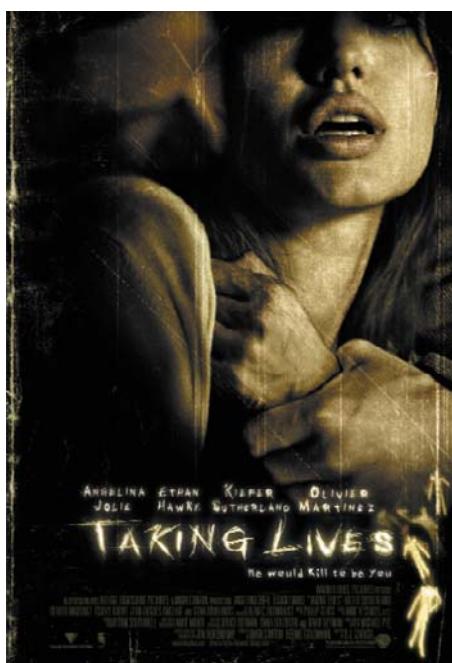
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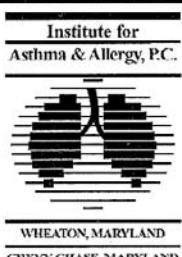
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Health & Fitness



WEIGH IN: Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue lost eight pounds, then gained some back.

Fitness to Govern

EXERCISE | Michigan's governor is urging residents to walk off extra pounds. The governor of South Carolina is heading up a 300-mile bike ride across the state. In Texas, the governor is encouraging people to train for a 10K run in April.

As lawmakers across the country consider dozens of bills to promote healthy lifestyles — from testing school students for their fitness to warning restaurant diners about fat, sugar and cholesterol — a number of government leaders are trying to set a good example.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm of Michigan is competing against pedometer-wearing lawmakers to see who can rack up the highest number of steps over 16 weeks.

About 127 million adults in the United States are overweight, 60

million are obese and 9 million severely obese, according to the Washington-based American Obesity Association.

The increasing difficulty of states to cover health care costs of low-income residents through Medicaid is part of the reason governors are trying to encourage their constituents to be more healthy.

A number of elected officials are taking their own health advice.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee lost 75 pounds in 2003 and wants to use his final years in office to promote health and wellness, particularly among state workers.

Gov. Sonny Perdue of Georgia threw away his Snickers bars when he issued a "Capitol Challenge" to lose weight in 2003. He dropped 8 pounds, although he has gained some of it back. AMY F. BAILEY (AP)

plump women, the study found. Women with white-collar jobs earned less if they were obese.

Obesity had little or no effect on pay if women were poorly educated, manual workers or self-employed — and no statistically significant effect on men's pay, the study found.

The researchers suggested the pressure on women to be thin may be strongest among higher socio-economic classes.

The study appeared Wednesday in the American Journal of Public Health. (AP)

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Overweight Women Are Paid Less

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Stamp Out Spam

SPAM | If the U.S. Postal Service delivered mail for free, our mailboxes would surely runneth over with more credit card offers, sweepstakes entries and supermarket fliers.

That's why we get so much junk e-mail: It's essentially free to send. So Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates, among others, is now suggesting that we start buying "stamps" for e-mail.

Many Internet analysts worry, though, that turning e-mail into an economic commodity would undermine its value in democratizing communication.

At perhaps a penny or less per item, e-mail postage wouldn't significantly dent the pocketbooks of people who send only a few messages a day. Spammers mail millions of people at a time, however,



Bill "Microsoft" Gates proposed foiling spammers with e-mail "stamps."

and would be hit hard.

Though postage proposals have been in limited discussion for years — a team at Microsoft Research has been at it since 2001 — Gates gave the idea a lift in January at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Details came last week as part of Microsoft's anti-spam strategy. Instead of paying a penny, the sender would "buy" postage by devoting maybe 10 seconds of computing time to solving a math puzzle. The exercise would merely serve as proof of the sender's good faith.

The open-source software Hashcash, available since about 1997, takes a similar approach and has been incorporated into other spam-fighting tools including Camram and Spam Assassin.

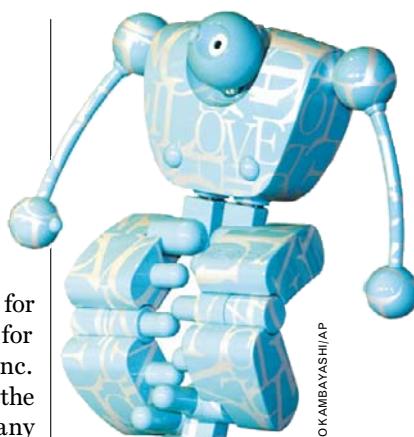
Meanwhile, Goodmail Systems Inc. has been in touch with Yahoo! Inc. and other e-mail providers about using cash. Goodmail envisions charging bulk mailers a penny a message to bypass spam filters and avoid being incorrectly tossed as junk. ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

What Is It To Laugh, Master?

ROBOTS | A Japanese company has mass-production plans for a walking robot that will sell for \$4,600. Tokyo-based ZMP Inc. expects to sell about 3,000 of the new Nuvo model. The company plans to make them available by year's end.

Although other Japanese companies, including Sony Corp. and Honda Motor Co., have created humanoid robots, the machines have merely taken part in special events and are not sold to consumers.

The 15-inch-tall Nuvo walks on two legs, picks itself up when it falls, recognizes voice commands



SHIZUOKAMBAYASHI/AP

Nuvo can stop, go and respond to commands via cell phone. But can it love?

such as "advance" and "stop," and is controlled by remote from a cell phone. A digital camera in its head can relay images of its surroundings to a video phone from Japan's top mobile carrier, NTT DoCoMo. (AP)

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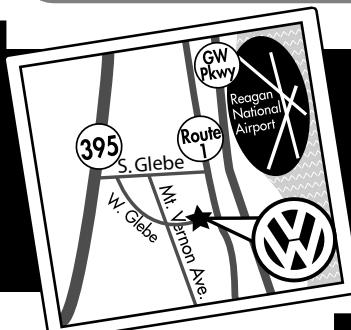
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Sports

The Little Team That Could

Unbeaten St. Joseph's heads into tournament play hungry for victory

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Tiny Saint Joseph's and its ever-flapping Hawk have soared to the top of the basketball world.

The Philadelphia school with an enrollment of 3,400 and not much recent sports history to brag about was No. 1 in the AP men's college basketball poll Monday for the first time.

"It's a dream come true," Hawks senior guard Jameer Nelson said. "At the same time, we have to take care of business these last few games. We'll still approach each game and practice the same way."

The Hawks (27-0) are the only unbeaten team in Division I, now that previously top-ranked Stanford was upset by Washington.

Saint Joseph's needs three victories in the Atlantic 10 tournament to become the first team since UNLV in 1991 to enter the NCAA tournament without a loss.

"All along, we have discussed the idea of having a great program," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "Obviously, we have a great team, and now we can talk about a great program, and this can be a springboard."

A national basketball power in the 1960s, the Hawks were ranked in the Top 10 consistently. They made their only Final Four appearance in 1961, then reached No. 2 in the rankings twice in December 1965.



Saint Joseph's players (l to r) Dwayne Jones, Delonte West and Jameer Nelson, huddle Monday as coach Phil Martelli announced the team had topped the AP poll.

"It's a significant feat for the longtime followers of this program," Martelli said. "Schools like ours have been overlooked for years by things like the BCS and the football powers."

The A-10 tournament starts Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio.

The Hawks moved up from No. 2 thanks to the loss by Stanford (26-1) Saturday.

Gonzaga (26-2) moved up one spot to No. 3, the highest ranking in school history, and received one first-place vote. Mississippi State (25-2) moved up one place to fourth, switching positions with Duke (25-4), which was No. 1 on two ballots after losing to Georgia Tech and beating North Carolina.

JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

Ravens Wait for Call on No-Show Owens

OWINGS MILLS, MD. | On the day Terrell Owens was supposed to take his physical with the Baltimore Ravens, the team waited patiently for the NFL to rule on Owens' bid to have his trade from San Francisco voided.

The Ravens obtained the four-time Pro Bowl receiver from the 49ers last Thursday for a second-round draft pick. Owens said he would not report to Baltimore, insisting that if given the choice, he intends to play for the Philadelphia Eagles.

He was scheduled to take a physical Monday at the Ravens' team complex, but did not show up. The Ravens, who have the option of waiving the physical, opted to postpone the examination pending formal confirmation of the trade.

Owens was denied free-agent status last month after he missed a deadline to void the final three seasons of his contract. His agent, David Joseph, filed a grievance with the NFL Management Council through the NFL Players Association.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Va. Baseball Backer Makes a Stand

Would-be team owner Collins tells MLB it's this year or never

VIENNA, VA. | After 11 years of patiently waiting for Major League Baseball to bestow a major-league franchise on the nation's capital region, would-be owner William L. Collins III has drawn a line in the sand.

Collins, who has spent \$11 million to fund efforts to lure baseball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New Jersey	38	24	.613	—	6-4 27-10
New York	29	35	.453	10	4-6 22-16
Boston	28	36	.438	11	5-5 18-24
Miami	27	36	.429	11.5	6-4 17-20
Philadelphia	25	38	.397	13.5	3-7 18-22
Washington	20	41	.328	17.5	4-6 13-28
Orlando	18	47	.277	21.5	5-5 14-29

CENTRAL

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Indiana	47	16	.746	—	8-2 29-10
Detroit	41	25	.621	7.5	7-3 26-15
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	13.5	5-5 26-15
New Orleans	33	30	.524	14	4-6 24-20
Toronto	27	36	.429	20	2-8 17-23
Cleveland	27	36	.429	20	7-3 21-20
Atlanta	20	42	.323	26.5	3-7 12-26
Chicago	18	44	.290	28.5	4-6 15-21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
MIDWEST	44	19	.698	—	6-4 21-13
Minnesota	42	21	.667	2	7-3 23-13
Dallas	39	23	.629	4.5	6-4 24-16
Memphis	39	24	.619	5	8-2 24-16
Houston	36	26	.581	7.5	6-4 15-20
Denver	33	31	.516	11.5	2-8 21-18
Utah	31	32	.492	13	5-5 18-20

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Sacramento	46	16	.742	—	8-2 25-13
L.A. Lakers	41	21	.661	5	8-2 21-16
Portland	30	33	.476	16.5	5-5 15-25
Seattle	27	36	.429	19.5	2-8 17-22
L.A. Clippers	26	36	.419	20	4-6 12-23
Golden State	25	36	.410	20.5	2-8 16-23
Phoenix	21	42	.333	25.5	3-7 12-26

Standings through March 7.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	39	17	7	5	90	204	156
Florida	24	28	14	3	65	152	177
Atlanta	27	32	7	3	64	186	212
Carolina	21	29	13	4	59	127	166
Washington	21	37	8	2	52	158	203

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	35	17	12	6	88	201	161
New Jersey	35	20	II	2	83	169	137
N.Y. Islanders	30	25	10	3	73	190	177
N.Y. Rangers	24	33	7	5	60	180	207
Pittsburgh	15	44	6	4	40	150	267

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Toronto	37	20	9	3	86	198	175
Ottawa	36	18	9	5	86	226	151
Boston	32	16	14	7	85	175	157
Montreal	36	26	6	2	80	179	160
Buffalo	30	31	6	I	67	176	187

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	39	17	9	2	89	213	152
Nashville	33	25	8	2	76	180	181
St. Louis	31	26	9	2	73	158	169
Columbus	20	36	8	4	52	146	196
Chicago	18	35	9	6	51	158	206

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	34	17	12	5	85	199	163
Vancouver	36	20	8	4	84	197	158
Calgary	34	26	5	3	76	167	152
Edmonton	28	27	II	2	69	182	176
Minnesota	21	26	19	2	63	145	153

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	33	18	II	6	83	173	149
Dallas	35	22	II	0	81	160	145
Los Angeles	25	19	16	7	73	175	175
Anaheim	25	27	9	8	67	155	175
Phoenix	20	27	16	5	61	169	205

Standings through March 7.
One point awarded to overtime losses.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on CSN) The Wizards look to end a two-game losing streak when they take on the Denver Nuggets at the MCI Center.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee faces the University

of Illinois-Chicago in the Horizon League championships at Bowling Green, Ky.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) The Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn., hosts the Big East championship game.

they hope to make a decision on relocation by mid-July.

"We're holding them to their word," Collins said at a media luncheon. "Our group has endured 11 years and \$11 million worth of uncertainty, but we do believe this effort will ultimately be successful."

Northern Virginia is competing with Washington, D.C.; Portland, Ore.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Monterrey, Mexico; Las Vegas and Norfolk. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Entertainment

Gospel Reaches Out

Church music goes mainstream thanks to innovative artists

CROSSOVER | Gospel music's mainstream conversion is a movement in progress. Momentum, however, is definitely building.

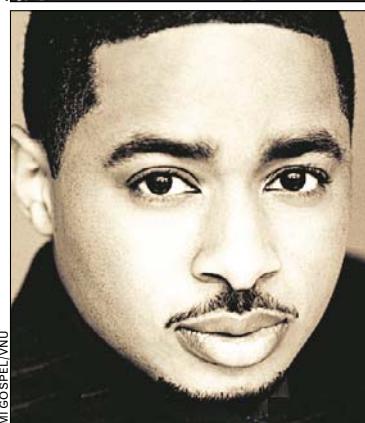
"On a scale of one to 10, it's at eight," Verity/Jive Records contemporary gospel artist Tonex said.

Gospel is "accepted so much more now," Tonex said, citing the platinum successes of Donnie McClurkin, Kirk Franklin and Yolanda Adams.

The evidence can clearly be seen on the Billboard R&B/Hip-Hop chart, where Smokie Norful, Vickie Winans and CeCe Winans enjoy spots in the top 100, along with the soundtrack to the gospel-flavored movie "The Fighting Temptations."

Michelle Williams of Destiny's Child is No. 77 with her gospel album "Do You Know."

Williams is among a number of artists tapping into the gospel/R&B crossover movement. Others include Mary Mary, Debra Killings and R&B pioneer Smokey Robinson, whose first inspirational album will be released this month.



OLD FAITH, NEW SOUND: Crossover gospel hitmakers are spreading the word via mainstream radio and best-selling albums. Clockwise from top left, Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams and Smokie Norful.



MARC BAPTISTE

But mainstream progress has revived issues dividing traditionalists and contemporary acts. The Edwin Hawkins Singers encountered disharmony in 1969 when they scored a crossover hit with "Oh Happy Day."

The Tyso recording act Rance Allen Group is a pillar of the gospel community. But during the '70s the group raised eyebrows by incorporating soul, jazz and rock elements to garner success beyond church walls. Choir leader Andrae Crouch also aroused criticism with his non-traditional approach in the '80s, as did Kirk Franklin in 1997 with his energetic anthem "Stomp."

"Kirk Franklin has revolutionized gospel for this day and age," Allen said. "But 30 years ago we were the revolutionaries whose music wasn't churchy enough."

Allen is supportive of today's new breed of gospel but he cautioned rap/hip-hop gospel acts: "There is a ministry for them, but they have a greater responsibility for what they say and how they present themselves. Then they have to make sure their message is as loud as their rhythms and hip-hop clothes, or it will get misconstrued." GAIL MITCHELL AND DEBORAH EVANS PRICE (BILLBOARD)

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Jazz Ahead: Steve Coleman at Twins

2 Steve Coleman, jazz innovator and founder of M-Base, a mystical philosophy of music, brings his progressive alto sax to Twins for two nights of jazz flavored with funk, soul and the music of West Africa. Through March 10.

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Steve Coleman applies the rhythms of Ghana and his R&B training to his jazz.

Fight the Good Fight

MUSIC | Getting clocked in the face by the White Stripes' Jack White might be a painful way to get the attention of the larger rock audience, but if nothing else, the recent nightclub fracas between Von Bondies singer-guitarist Jason Stollsteimer and his mentor-turned-antagonist fits right into the rowdy, bare-knuckles tradition of the Detroit rock legacy that both gentlemen represent.

If only the Von Bondies' major-label debut, "Pawn Shoppe Heart" (Sire/Reprise), had more of that unruly spirit. For all its merits, the album sounds too clean and constrained, lacking the swagger of The New York Dolls' debut or the



BLOODY BUT UNBOWED: Von Bondies should throw themselves into their work.

true creepiness of a contemporary primitive such as Johnny Dowd.

That's a crucial shortcoming for a quartet that's much more about

performance, posturing and personality than it is about great songwriting and record making.

The album, produced by former

Talking Head Jerry Harrison, aims to bottle the band's live energy and charisma, but it's a tough thing to capture, especially when you keep the drums barely audible.

Muted though it is, the album does have Stollsteimer, whose voice goes from supple wail to over-the-top psychodrama, and a notable knack for revitalizing the archetypal motifs of Stooges-grounded garage rock.

And who knows? There might even be some great songwriting in their future. "C'mon C'mon," a hook-studded rocker with a compelling vocal, and "Tell Me What You See," with Stollsteimer and the band's girl-group chorus locked in a dynamic dialogue, come back-to-back early in the album and form a memorable one-two punch. Pardon the expression. RICHARD CROMELIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Death Metal Autopsy: Cannibal Corpse and Friends

3 Which of the following are titles of real albums by Cannibal Corpse, headliner of tonight's death-metal lineup? a) Wretched Spawn, b) Immolation of Blood, c) Tomb of the Mutilated and d) Covered in Boils. If you guessed "a" and "c," hie thee to Jaxx (but "Covered in Sores" is a genuine song title). With Hypocrisy, Exhumed, Vile, Macabre and Modulus.

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Entertainment

Leno Bites Stern

What does NBC's 'Tonight Show' want from Stuttering John?

REPLACEMENTS | Reputations in broadcasting are hard to build, but they're especially hard to shake, and so the appointment of "Stuttering" John Melendez, longtime facetious reporter on the "Howard Stern Show," as the new announcer on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" is the strangest in the show's history. Observers in the close-knit world of late-night TV use terms like "puzzling" or "bewildering." "It's an odd choice," one said, "considering all the other people you could think of." And it's also a controversial one. Spurned Stern has shellacked his former employee and Leno on the air. Some people are even buying Stern's declaration that the "Tonight" host picked up Melendez in an effort to boost flagging ratings or draw more male viewers. But ratings are hardly flagging



ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID: Melendez the classic sidekick makes a lateral move.

— "Tonight" had a record-busting February among young adult viewers—and just to put this in perspective, ask yourself this: Stuttering John, the guy with gas on the brain, as a ratings pick-me-up?

And what of Edd Hall, "Tonight's" longtime announcer who leaves later this month to pursue a "career in acting," according to the show. "Yeah, sure," said one late-night producer. "That's like a politician quitting the race to 'spend more time with his family.'"

He is starring in two movies that are premiering on DVD.

Back to the mystery. Why, why, why Melendez? The tale, according to show sources, begins a year ago, when "Tonight's" veteran producer, Debbie Vickers, was urged by friends to watch ABC's excruciating reality show "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here" for a few laughs. She did, but was surprised to see an amusing, charming fellow with the slightest stutter. Who's that? wondered Vickers, who was not a Stern listener.

By this point, Vickers had been told by Hall that he probably would leave by the end of his contract. Other names were brought up, including "American Idol's" Ryan Seacrest, who was considered "too ambitious," said a source, adding, "When you start flipping around names, it's a hard position to fill. You can't do a straight-up announcer, and a standup comic will get you nowhere with Jay [and] truth be told, Edd's shoes are not that huge to fill."

VERNE GAY (NEWSDAY)

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Entertainment

Take Them or Leave Them

LIVE MUSIC | Pity the poor Strokes. On the outside, these five New Yorkers visiting D.C. tonight look like they have it made: They're young, rich rock stars and at least parts of them are dating Drew Barrymore. And they saved rock 'n' roll, yo.

Wherein lies the rub. Some factions believe that the executors of 2001's all-hail indie smash "Is This It" didn't rescue fuzzed-out,

cynical, slacktastically alienated guitar-driven rock but actually doomed it.

So on their second outing, the boys in the band could make either a lousy followup or a recording of such spectacular brilliance that none could deny their genius.

Or door number three: "Room on Fire," a fuzzed-out, cynical, slacktastically alienated second

album that declared: "This is what we do. We don't know how to play any other way. If we happened to save anything in the process, it was dumb luck. Please buy a T-shirt on the way out."

It's almost as if The Strokes themselves think they're just a rock band. (EXPRESS)

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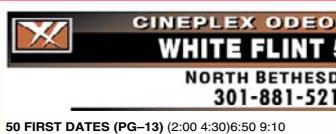
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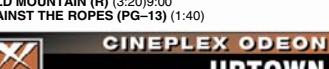
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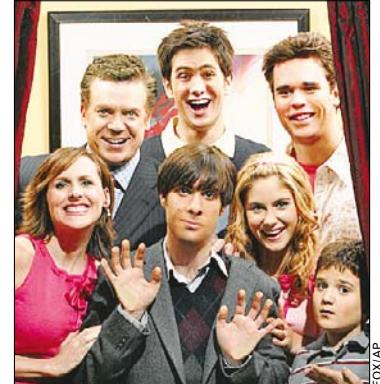
It Runs in the Family

In 'Cracking Up,' a nice guy moves in with entertaining loonies

MIDSEASON REPLACEMENT | "Cracking Up" (9:30 p.m.), a new Fox comedy about psychiatric care, is worth your scheduling at least a session or two.

The action revolves around Ben, a soft-spoken, idealistic psychology grad student handed a plum assignment from his professor: Move in with the Shackletons, a Beverly Hills family, to provide counseling for the troubled son, Tanner.

Quickly enough this little boy sets Ben straight.



I'M NORMAL, GET ME OUT OF HERE!

Ben, center, tries to cope with crazies.

"I'm not the whack job around here," he declares. "But you'll see."

He sure does. Tanner is per-

fected normal. The rest of the family, Ben quickly realizes, is comically insane.

Can he stand living in this loony bin, with the mother a bipolar alcoholic and the teenage son obsessive-compulsive? With the father a hail-fellow-well-met sociopath and the cheerleader daughter a repressed erotomaniac?

An unlikely idea for a comedy, its success is all in the treatment, which is funny and fresh. The single-camera production is handsome. And the cast is solid, including Jason Schwartzman as Ben and Molly Shannon ("Saturday Night Live") as the mood-swinging matriarch.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



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ON TV TONIGHT

DECLARATION OF CODEPENDENCE

Folks who can't get enough of Larry David's unhinged id in "Curb Your Enthusiasm" will pounce on Bravo's marriage therapy comedy **SIGNIFICANT OTHERS** (9 p.m.). Funny, daring and

featuring pitch-perfect performances from Andrea Savage, Fred Goss and Nicole Randall Johnson, among others, "Significant" presents marital woes and therapy gaffes in a fast-paced but natural style that leaves network sitcoms in the narrative dust.

THE CHUBBY BLUE LINE

THE SHIELD (10 p.m., FX) Flush with a pile of stolen cash, Vic and his corrupt team try to stay under the radar as this grip-

ping, well-acted series enters its third season. The episode introduces a new twist on small-screen violence as gang members send a message by cutting off the feet of their victims. Not for the squeamish.

SECOND CHANCES

AMERICAN IDOL (8 p.m., Fox) Wildcard performances on a 90-minute episode. Bring back Scooter Girl!

SHE EATS A SANDWICH?

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (9 p.m., UPN) Shandi's "Dolce Vita" indiscretions sends her into a tailspin.

CULT CHOICE

HARD CONTRACT (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel) A good woman (Lee Remick) tries to reform a hard-boiled hit man (James Coburn) in this 1969 drama.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC (4)	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Friends	(40) Scrubs "The Catalyst"	(20) Scrubs	Law & Order		News		Tonight Show	
	WTTG (5)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	American Idol "Wild Card Night" (ITV)	Cracking Up	News		Friends		Drew Carey	
	WJLA (7)	News	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Billy Graham Special	Jim	Less-Perfect	NYPD Blue (N) □ (PA)	News	Nightline	Nightline	
	WUSA (9)	News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Navy NCIS "The Immortal"	The Guardian (N) □	Judging Amy □	News	Late Show			
	WDCA (20)	Moehs	The Hughleys	'70s Show	'70s Show	One on One	All of Us	America's Next Top Model	Seinfeld	Raymond	Dharma-Greg	Dharma-Greg	
	WMPT (22)	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	Outdoors Md.	Andy Williams: My Favorite Duets			Close to You-Carpenters		Independent Lens □			
	WETA (26)	World News	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Proud to Serve: The Men and Women			Roy Orbison & Friends -- A Black and White Night				Blenko	
	WHUT (32)	Big Picture	Euro. Journal	World News	MoneyWise	American Experience "Citizen King" □			World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) □		
	WBDC (50)	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Gilmore Girls "Keg! Max! Say Goodnight, Gracie" □			Will & Grace	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Blind Date □	
	A&E	City Confidential	American Justice		Biography: Jones	Cold Case Files	Murderer convicted 30 years later. (N)					Third Watch "Ladies' Day"	
BASIC CABLE	Animal	Planet's Funniest Animals	Planet's Funniest Animals		Beastly Countdown (N)	Guerrilla Magic		Miami Animal Police (N)				Beastly Countdown	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET com	The Parkers	The Parkers	Coming to the Stage		Comicview				Nightly News	Grown Folks
	Bravo	(4:30) ★★ "Manhunter"	The West Wing □	Queer Eye for Straight Guy	Signif. Others	Signif. Others	Queer Eye for Straight Guy					Signif. Others	West Wing
	Comedy	Late Night □	Daily Show	Mad TV □	Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	Chappelle's Yankers				Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	Evidence	Cops □	Cops □	Cops □	Safety Challenge 2004	Forensic	Forensic	Adults Only: Secret History			NYPD Blue "Auntie Maimed"	
	Discovery	Real Miami Cops	Justice Files	New Detectives-Forensic	Mob Scene (N)	MythBusters						New Detectives-Forensic	
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics "Tough Love"	Quads: Party of Four	Make Room for Baby		Boy in a Bubble				Quads: Party of Four	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★ ★ "Smart House" (1999, Comedy) Ryan Merriman. (N)	Sister, Sister	Boy World					Kim Possible	Proud Family
	E!	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled	E! News (N)	Good to Be	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled				Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	Cops □	Cops □	★ ★ "Planet of the Apes" (2001) Mark Wahlberg, Tim Roth. Premiere.		The Shield "Playing Tight"						The Shield "Playing Tight"	
SPAN	HGTV	Before Aft	Building	Curb Appeal	House	Outer Spaces	Sensible Chic	Decorating	Divine Design	Designers'	Designers'	Home to Go	Date-Design
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven □	★ ★ ½ "Little Giants" (1994) Rick Moranis, Ed O'Neill.			Whose Line?	Whose Line?			The 700 Club	
	History	Myths of the Titanic	Modern Marvels	Judas: Traitor or Friend?	Tactical to Practical	Modern Marvels						Deep Sea Detectives	
	Lifetime	The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	The Nanny	"A Crime of Passion" (1999) Tracey Gold. (DVS)						Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	MTV	Music Videos	Direct Effect	TRL (ITV) □	Real World	Real World	Real World	Pimp Ride	Band II			Newlywed	
	NICK	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Nicktoons TV	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne □	Roseanne	
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 □	★ ★ ½ "Stargate" (1994) Kurt Russell, James Spader. □		Tripping-Rift	★ ★ ½ "Star Trek Generations" (1994) Patrick Stewart. □							
	SPIKE	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Oblivious (N)	Crash Test	WrestleMania					John Henson	Extreme
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Friends	★ ½ "Blue Streak" (1999) (PA) Martin Lawrence.	(10) ★ ½ "U-Turn" (1997, Mystery) (PA) Sean Penn. (N)							
	TLC	Clean Sweep	In a Fix	Tropical Canopy	In a Fix "Gentleman's Den"	Rides "Dominator" (N)	Junkyard Mega-Wars (N)	In a Fix "Gentleman's Den"					
SPORTS	TNT	Charmed	Law & Order	"Agony" □	Law & Order □ (DVS)	Law & Order □ (DVS)	Charmed "Love's a Witch"	Angel "Peace Out" □					
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law & Order	★ ★ ½ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. (N)				Law & Order					
	VHI	How Stars Get Hot 3	Fabulous Life Of... □	Game Show Moments	VH1 Special	VH1 Special	VH1 Special	Best Week					Fabulous Life
	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noticiero	Pasión de Gavilanes	Amor Descarado	El Alma Herida	Mujeres Apasionadas	Noticiero Tel.	Laura				
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	ESPN2	Billiards Mosconi Cup.	College Basketball: Mid-Continent Final -- Teams TBA		College Basketball: Sun Belt Final -- Teams TBA								
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	FNC	Special Report (Live)	Fox Report-Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity & Colmes	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor					
MOVIES	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)	Hardball (Live)	Countdown-Olbermann	Deborah Norville Tonight	Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball					
	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Once Around" (1990) Richard Dreyfuss. 'R'		★ ★ ★ "Thelma & Louise" (1991, Drama) Susan Sarandon. 'R'			★ ★ ★ "Thelma & Louise" (1991) 'R'						
	TCM	★ ½ "Bad Bascomb" (1946) Wallace Beery. 'NR'		★ ★ ★ "The Devil at 4 O'Clock" (1961) Spencer Tracy.			★ ½ ★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (1957) Glenn Ford. 'NR'						
	HBO	(15) ★ ½ "Life or Something Like It" (2002) PG-13		★ ★ ★ "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. □ PG-13			Curb-Enthsm	The Sopranos "Two Tonys"					
	MAX	High Crimes	★ ★ ½ "Space Truckers" (1997) PG-13	(15) ★ ½ "Showtime" (2002) Robert De Niro. □ PG-13			★ ★ ★ "Private Parts" (1997) Howard Stern. □ 'R'						
	SHO	(5:35) ★★★ "Execution of Justice" (1999)	★ ½ "Domestic Disturbance" (2001)	"Bounce: Behind"			★ ½ ★ ½ "Barbershop" (2002) Ice Cube. PG-13						
	TMC	King Kong	(40) ★ ½ "It Takes Two" (1988) PG-13	★ ★ ★ "Bull Durham" (1988) Kevin Costner. □ 'R'			★ ★ ★ "The Crying Game" (1992) Stephen Rea. □ 'R'						
	STARZ!	(5:35) ★ ½ "The Lizzie McGuire Movie"	(20) ★ ★ ★ "Rabbit-Proof Fence" (2002)	★ ½ "A Man Apart" (2003, Action) Vin Diesel. □ 'R'			★ ½ "Friday After Next" □						
	ENCORE	(5:45) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Awakenings" (1990) Robin Williams. (N)	★ ½ "Jack" (1996) Robin Williams. □ PG-13				★ ★ "Johnny Dangerously" (1984) PG-13						Green Card

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SFH, 32, ENJOYS dancing, movies, dining out, laughter, conversation and more. Seeking friendly, outgoing, intelligent SW/HM, 35-40, for friendship, maybe more. **2948591**

DBF, 36, PLAIN-SIZED, enjoys church, reading, traveling, bowling, quiet times. Seeks honest, caring BM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. **2690178**

SBF, 24, 5'6", 116lbs, slender build, enjoys jazz and just about any kind of fun. Seeking SBFM, 21-39, N/S, no children, for LTR. **2805837**

SBF, 38, 5'2", dark complexion, seeks SWM, 35-50, who enjoys museums, cultural events, English history. Must like cuddling, workouts, and be unafraid of intimacy. **2919620**

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, PASSIONATE, fun SBF, 34, 5'3", 110lbs, with great sense of humor, seeks handsome, well-mannered, thoughtful, intelligent SW/HM, 32-45, N/S, for LTR. **2903253**

YOUNG SB MOM, 22, goes to school, works hard and is looking for some more fun in life, with a great guy. **29101805**

VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling. ISO honest man, for friendship first, possible LTR. **28358042**

SINGLE MOM, SEXY, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **2820188**

22-YEAR-OLD, SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/WM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **2771602**

SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **2713900**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN, SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **2644991**

SWF, 33, ATTORNEY, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **2589833**

SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8", blonde/blue, easygoing, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids (mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship. Possible LTR. **2500473**

ARE YOU THE honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10+, 35-40, for this sophisticated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF? Lets find out. **2412913**

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, PETITE SBF, 33, 5'3", 125lbs, brown/brown, honest, friendly, easygoing. Seeking good-hearted man, 33-41, honest, loving, ready to start a family. **2946926**

MAN IN UNIFORM. Attractive, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2349299**

SEXY, SPONTANEOUS, ADVENTUROUS SBF, 27, 5'3", light brown eyes, seeks open-minded SWM, 27-35, for relationship, possibly more. **2839502**

ATTRACTIVE MOM, SBF, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded SCM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **2819822**

SBF, 39, PISCES, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **2074742**

SEPARATED BPF, 27, petite, intelligent, from the West Indies, living in Alexandria, Aries, N/S, seeks S/DWM, 27-35. **2937391**

SWF, 36, FULL-FIGURED, enjoys parks, walks on the beach, movies, seeks good-hearted SWM, 30-38, for spring romance, hopefully LTR. **2940115**

SMART, LIVELY, ATTRACTIVE, liberal woman, 32, devoted Red Sox fan, loves reading, people-watching, good conversation. Seeking intelligent, funny, self-assured, thoughtful man. Could it be you? **2935466**

SBF, 35, BEAUTIFUL light-brown eyes, seeks a man for lazy days at home, just being in each other's company. **2934842**

COSMO GIRL SEEKS Maxim guy, Attractive SBPF, Christian, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPM, 27-35, any race, who enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **2905608**

LINGERING OVER COFFEE, strolling Fourteenth Street, kayaking Georgetown, E-street movie, home-cooked vegetarian curry, laughing with friends. A great Saturday? **SWF, 37, ISO, 32-45**. **2882826**

HONEST, SINCERE, FULL-FIGURED SBPF loves shopping, travel, reading, dancing, fun. Seeking gentlemanly SBPM, 27-40, preferably with no children. No games. **2874525**

SMART, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, sweet sexy woman, 5'5", spiritual, enjoys traveling, cooking, working out, seeks a confident, outgoing, physically fit, financially secure, SBM, 6+, w/smooth skin. **2874442**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an uncoupled, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **2804441**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **2588605**

INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBPF, 37, seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **2942806**

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SBF, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **2939133**

JOYFUL AND LOVING SBCF, 39, N/S, N/D, who is an encourager, humorous, ISO faithful SCM, 36-47, N/S, who's ready for friendship leading to possible marriage. **2815833**

LOVELY BCPF, MID-30S, 5'8", shapeably beautiful inside and out, classy unpretentious, enjoys jazz, horseback riding, champagne, bubble baths, travel, romance. ISO tall, romantic BCPM, 34-48. **2807503**

ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF, 35, seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **2807562**

TALL, INDEPENDENT SWPF, 37, enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **2776826**

SBF, 35, 5'3", high-spirited, full of positive energy, smoker, not afraid to shoot from the hip, seeks BM, 43-55, smoker, independent. **2752225**

PROFESSIONAL, TALL, SLIM, vegan, real estate expert, swimming, biking. Seeking WIM, 35-50, with same interests. **2752491**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27, Aries, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **2729739**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **2836120**

CLASSY, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 27, seeks mature, handsome, down-to-earth SBM, w/sense of humor, 27-38, 225lbs+, 5'10"+, for friendship and enjoying activities. Dating first, possible LTR. **2559393**

OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **2667109**

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DUPONT CIR/1613 17th St. N.W.—Large effcy w/hardwood floors, could be used as office space. Close to dwntwn. \$950/mo+utils. Thomas D. Walsh, Realtors 202-237-8488

FAIRFAX/Burke—5 lge BRs+den, eat-in kit, hrwd flrs, totally remod, lge lot. \$2650. Short term ok. Ownr/Agt Re/Max Premier. 703-929-5680

FALLS CH/Baileys X Rds—4BR, 3.5BA lge brk TH. prkg. Excel neigh. No pets. \$1775. 703-931-0214

FALLS CH—Lrg sunny 1BR apt, \$975 incl util & pkng. 703-624-6407

FALLS CH & RT50—1BR/in shrd bsmt apt. Pvt. entr. Cbl/internet access. Hskpg & Utils incl \$550. Call 703-645-9786

FALLS CHURCH—1BR condo, all util. incl. Exercise & laundry facility, storage. No pets. Ask about rent rebate. \$875. 571-437-4449

FALLS CHURCH—Just listed. 3 BR, 1 BA. Fam rm addition. Frpl, new Berber carpet. No pets. \$1300/mo + util. Avil immmed. Marion Cloud 703-314-7033 RE/MAX Allegiance

FALLS CHURCH—SFH, 4 BR, 2 FBA, fully fin bsmt, walk out lvt, close to DC. 6102 Aston Ct., 22044. Vacant, immmed. occup. Only \$2100/mo. Contact Shah at 703-627-8121, Ikon Realty, Inc.

FOGGY BOT—Studio apt/1010 25th St. NW. \$1000/mo+elec. 703-624-7751

FOXHALL—Bsmt, apt, sep. entr. \$700 util. incl. 703-532-6191

G'TOWN/1624 33rd ST N.W.—3 BR, 1½ BA. W/D. \$2200/mo. 410-849-2243

G'TOWN/GLOVER PK—Eng bsmt, 1BR, \$950+util, grf loc. 703-409-3493

GAITHERSBURG

Townhse 3BR, fin. bsmt 2 FBA, 2 HBA, new carpet/appls, walking dist fr RIO. \$1650. 240-460-7922.

G'TWN/1664-A Avon Pl—Newly renov., 2BR/1BA, HW flrs, granite kit, grdn. \$2500. 202-338-4011

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TH. 4BR. 2F 2 H BA. fin bsmt. Ig kit, deck 240-447-1307

GEORGETOWN—Lg. furn. bsmt. effic. apt, w/d, util incl'd. \$1000. Call 202-342-6633

GLOVER PRK—Lg sunny 1BR, 1BA unit, mod kit., prkng, util incl. \$1350. Call for appt, 301-467-8009

HYATTSVILLE—Remod. 4BR, 2BA close to metro, shopping & historic Hyattsville. \$1600. 301-982-5554

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LAUREL—It & airy TH, 2 lvtls above 1 car gar, 2 spac Mstr suites ea w/pvt BA, upp lvtl loft, din area, liv area, sep laun & strg. Grt loc nr Patuxent Greens golf crse, \$1600/mo. 202-365-4885

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Spac. 2BR, 2BA Lux Condo w/balc. w/d, hdwd flrs, reserved indr prkg, 24-hr front desk, social room, fitness ctr, 2001 12th St. N.W. Call (202)-486-3864

MCLEAN/\$1,050—Top flr 1BR condo w/W/D, balc., gar, sec elevator, bldg, gated comm, fitness ctr, pool. Avil now - 4-36 Mos. Doris Houston 703 849-8866 RE/MAX Dist RE

MCLEAN—lge & bright apt in excel cond, avail immmed. 2 BR, 2 FBA, fully carp, balc, w/d, indr pkng, conv. loc. to supermkt & rest. \$1600. 202-329-1303 or 202-445-9511.

MEDERIA BEACH FLA-RENT—2BR, 2BA, inner coastal waterfront, Min. 3 mos. Gated, boat slip, fitness ctr, tennis cts, 24-hr secur, walk to shopping ctr & gulf beaches. \$1120/mo. 703-932-4331

N. POTOMAC/Kentlands Area—beaut 2BR, 2BA, frpl, balc, on nature preserve. \$1275/mo. 301-258-8919

NE - \$590 — 1BR, 1BA. Renovated. Call 703-892-0879. Fairfax Realty.

N.E. — 1 & 2BR apts, excel cond. Metro accessible, Section 8 welcome, 202-388-0137

NE/1908 E ST—Remod. secure 1BR, \$600/mo.+util. Call 301-466-9218

N.W. 440 Emerson St. —Beaut renov. 3BR, 2BA, den, hdwd flrs, fin bsmt, brfst rm, brand new appls, w/d, Sect 8 welc. \$1900. 202-486-4476.

NW/P St—Lovely effcy w/balc, new kit, Dup. \$1050. Recent Premiere Selections 301-299-1000 X370.

OCCOQUAN TOWN C. 1885

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OXON HILL—2 BR, 2 BA, frpl, CAC, porch, ½ mi to highway, close to Metro, 10 mins to DC. \$1200/mo. Avil immmed. 301-455-7445

ROCKV/DERWOOD—4BR/3½BA TH, LR, DR, Country Kit w/d, rec rm w/pf in fl w/o lvr lvt. Avil now. \$1650 301-294-8773 wkdays 7-3pm

ROCKVILLE—2BR, 1BA, DR, LR, Nr Metro. 2 prkg spaces, pool, tennis, \$1200 incl util. Avil 4/1. 301-785-5464

SE — 1 & 2BR apts. \$600 & up + elec. No pets. 202-265-4814/889-4083. Fred A. Smith Co.

SE/1659 Ft Davis St. Off Pa. Ave.

3BR, 2BA, newly renov. \$1550 301-218-6261

SE/2601 Naylor Rd—1BR, ww, a/c, nr bus/stop, \$625 util incl, 301-292-6573

SIL SPG—1BR \$795, 2BR \$950. FREE util. CATV. Hdwd flrs. Bus at dr. Cls. to shpg. NR Metro. On-site pkng. Monterrey Apts/301-588-3413.

SII SPG—3 blks to downtown N/S, no pets. Bsmt apt w/sep entr. \$815/mo. Call 301-681-3866

SII SPG—3-3R-1BA, patio, pool, all util incl. \$1395. 301-717-9445

SIL SPG—Bright & sunny 1BR condo w/garage, extra storage, W/D, sliding glass doors to patio, convenient location, recently renovated, avail. immmed. \$900/mo. 301-982-5554

SIL SPG—Lge, newly renov condo. 3BR/2BA, gourmet kit, granite tops, new appls, hdwd flrs, balcony, pkng. Nr Metro. No pets. 202-882-0854

SIL SPG/LONGMEAD—Beautiful end unit TH, 3BR/2½BA, Master w/whirlpool tub, table space kit, deck, new carpeting, w/d, on cul-de-sac, conven to Metro, avil immmed. \$1525. Yeager Miller Realty 301-493-4149 Fairfax Rockville office.

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN RESPONSE to the exhaustive media coverage of Martha Stewart's conviction, letter writer Jessica Langenhan laments, "I wish as much attention would be paid to people on trial for rape and murder and other crimes that pose a much greater risk to a much greater number of people." ("Letters," March 8). I guess she's never heard of Kobe Bryant, Michael Jackson, Scott Peterson or Robert Blake.

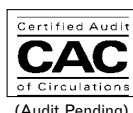
—COLM KENNY
Bethesda, Md.

WHILE I FIND THE MAJORITY of Express's articles informative, I do believe the newspaper fails to reach minority readers or provide positive information about minorities. For example, February was Black History month, yet Express did not provide any information on events.

Also, I am very displeased with the stories chosen that feature African Americans. Stories about Bobby Brown violating probation and Janet Jackson's Walt Disney statue being taken down only further negative stereotypes. Express should stop conveying information that does not positively reflect the diverse nation we live in.

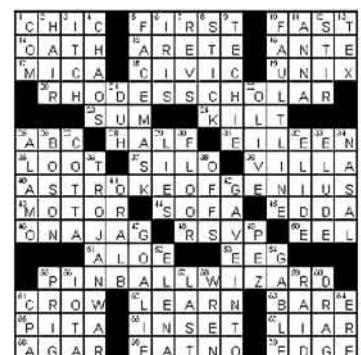
—KAMALA SESSOMS
via e-mail

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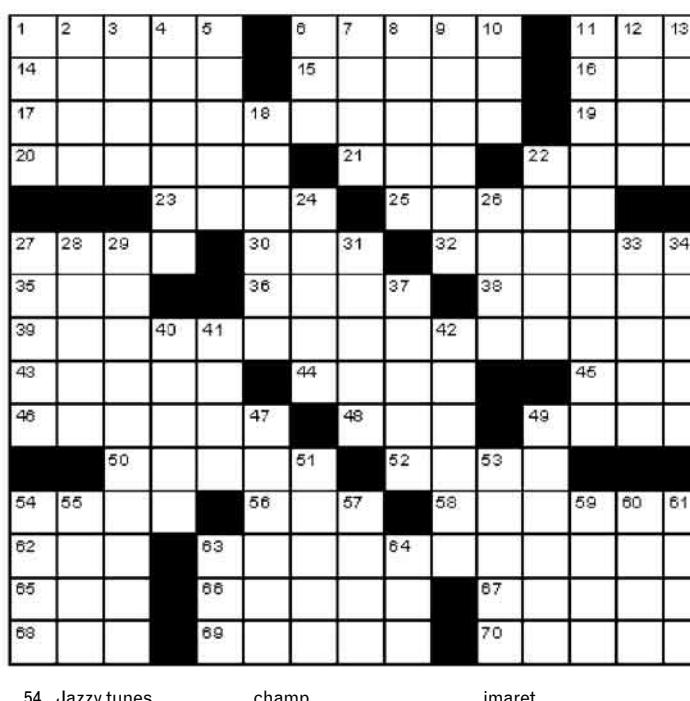
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Road to Recovery | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Concubine center
- 6 Some mixers
- 11 Record speed?
- 14 Battle to remember
- 15 Derisive
- 16 Mesozoic, e.g.
- 17 Part 1 of a method for regaining strength
- 19 Objective
- 20 Boom box
- 21 Underwater cave dweller
- 22 Upper hand
- 23 Brightness
- 25 Spread apart
- 27 Kind of bonding
- 30 Scottish topper
- 32 Mounts
- 35 King predece
- 36 Hollywood giants?
- 38 Motionless
- 39 Part 2 of the method
- 43 "Tomorrow" singer
- 44 WWII gun
- 45 Popular card game
- 46 Heavenly fare
- 48 Klutz
- 49 Over with
- 50 Long-necked wader
- 52 Word with birth or interest



- 54 Jazzy tunes
- 55 Nanas' daughters
- 56 Champagne drink
- 58 Actress Gardner
- 59 End of the method
- 60 Like Leroy Brown
- 61 Bring upon oneself
- 62 Devour
- 63 Two-time U.S. Open
- 54 Champ
- 55 Unanimously
- 56 Those on high horses
- 57 Mogul Zukor
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- 65 In thing
- 66 Buildup to a race
- 67 One on a high horse
- 68 "Where the Boys ___"

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- 1 Millinery stock
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- 10 D.C. bill collector?
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LIVE ONLINE

IRS Playbook

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Former IRS agent **RICHARD YANCEY** was online Monday to discuss his new book, "Confessions of a Tax Collector."

Has the IRS or the government tried to stop your book in any way? Any comments from other IRS agents?

I quit before they could stop me! The reaction of my former coworkers has been, in general, one of shock. I'm telling the family secret.

What kind of reactions did you get when you told people they were being audited? Any scary moments?

I didn't audit; I collected. Most people dreaded my knock on the door and treated me accordingly. Imagine someone coming into your house and telling you how to live so you can pay The Man.

And, yes, there were a lot of scary moments. I've been spat on, kicked, punched and called some names that would make a Marine blush. But it wasn't all bad. There was always the thrill of the chase and when I was able to "get" the bad guys (and I worked a lot of bad guys) that was great fun.

In your tips, you suggest that people not lie. Doesn't everyone lie a bit?

Um, don't lie. Most horror stories you hear about the IRS begin with a lie — and it's not the IRS's lie.

In training, did the IRS talk about intimidation and/or leveraging the fear that many have of the agency?

You learn very quickly that you don't have to threaten or remind people of the IRS's power to get what you want from them. The simple rules I learned (and these weren't contained in any training material) were: Find what they love and take it and/or discover what they fear and exploit it. Every incident I talk about in the book illustrates this essential truth.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Washington Post Polling Directors Richard Morin and Claudia Deane on the results of a new Washington Post/ABC News poll.

1:45 P.M.: Post sports columnists Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon take your questions.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Something you observe by accident will have you making a surprising decision come nightfall. You may be on a new road very soon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Give someone a little more leeway and you'll be thanked for doing just the right thing at the right time. Then, concentrate on yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It may be difficult for you to keep yourself in shape throughout the day, but it's very important for you to be ready for anything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The sooner you start on a new project, the sooner you'll realize that you know precisely what you're doing. You need that kind of confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may find yourself waiting for something that is actually vague and uncertain. Still, you know that patience will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Something new is happening to you, and you don't want to underestimate its power. You can impress others with your tenacity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your desires may be running away with you. Employ self-control or you may find that a personal relationship is threatened.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You want to run away from a developing situation, but it's important to turn and face it as directly as possible. Trust a friend's advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may actually be frightened of impulses that are exerting unusual pressure on you. You needn't do what you don't want to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You can get an early start and leave yourself more time for personal affairs later. You needn't sacrifice everything for financial gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Give yourself all the opportunities to do something others have only half done. You have the chance to make a name for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Though you want to involve yourself in someone else's project, you know better than to intrude when all signs tell you to hang back.



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